

**REMARKS**

An Excess Claim Fee Payment Letter for one (1) excess dependent claim and one excess independent claim is attached hereto.

Claims 25-32 have been added. No new matter has been added. New claims 25-32 correspond to claims 10-16 originally filed in the PCT application filed on May 22, 2003, which have been amended to place these claims in better condition for local practice and delete the multiple dependency, which is believed to have been communicated to the U.S. Receiving Office and entered thereby.

It is noted that the claim amendments herein are made only for more particularly pointing out the invention, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims, or for any statutory requirements of patentability.

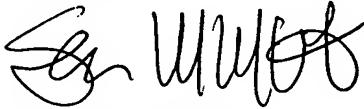
Further, it is noted that, notwithstanding any claim amendments made herein, Applicants' intent is to encompass equivalents of all claim elements, even if amended herein or later during prosecution.

Early, favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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